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In re Patent Application of:
Roger de la TORRE et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR USE IN
MINIMALLY INVASIVE PLACEMENT OF
SPACE-OCCUPYING INTRAGASTRIC
DEVICES (AS AMENDED)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2003, for which a response was due on October 22, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 22, 2003 which falls on a Saturday. According to 37 CFR § 1.7(a), the date of response is extended to November 24, 2003. Therefore, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification (including title) begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.